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Main Entry: module

Function: noun

- 1: any in a series of standardized units for use together: as a: a unit of furniture or architecture b: an educational or instructional unit which covers a single subject or a discrete part of a broad subject
- 2: an assembly of components that are packaged or mounted together and constitute a functional unit for an electronic or mechanical system <a module for a computer>
- 3: an independent unit that constitutes a part of the total structure of a space vehicle <a propulsion module>
- 4 a: a subset of an additive group that is also a group under addition b: a mathematical set that is a commutative group under addition and that is closed under multiplication which is distributive from a(bx) = (ab)x or (xb)a = x(ba) or both

where a and b are elements of the ring and x belongs to the set

5: a usually semi-independent routine in a computer program that usually corresponds to one step in

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Main Entry: mod ule Pronunciation: mä(,)jül

Function: noun
Inflected Form(s): -s

Etymology: Latin modulus small measure, meter, module in architecture, from modus measure +

-ulus -- more at METE

1 a archaic: something that serves as a model or pattern: <u>EXEMPLAR</u> < the text module is a sentence from ... Thoreau -- William Beebe> b obsolete: a counterfeit image < but a clod and module of confounded royalty -- Shakespeare>

2: a standard or unit of measurement

- 3 a [French, from Latin *modulus*]: the size of some one part (as the diameter or semidiameter of the base of a shaft) taken as a unit of measure by which the proportions of the other parts of a classical or nonclassical architectural composition are regulated **b**: a unit of size used as a basis for standardizing the design and construction of building parts and materials or articles of furniture <use of dimensional coordination on the four-inch *module* -- R.T.Liddicoat> <fabricated for assembly on a 2-foot *module* -- S.D.Sturgis>
- 4 a: a device used for measuring the flow of water or for delivering a fixed volume of water (as in irrigation systems) b: the volume discharged by such a device
- 5: the diameter of a coin, token, or medal
- 6: a ratio equal to the pitch diameter of a gear in millimeters divided by the number of teeth in the gear
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